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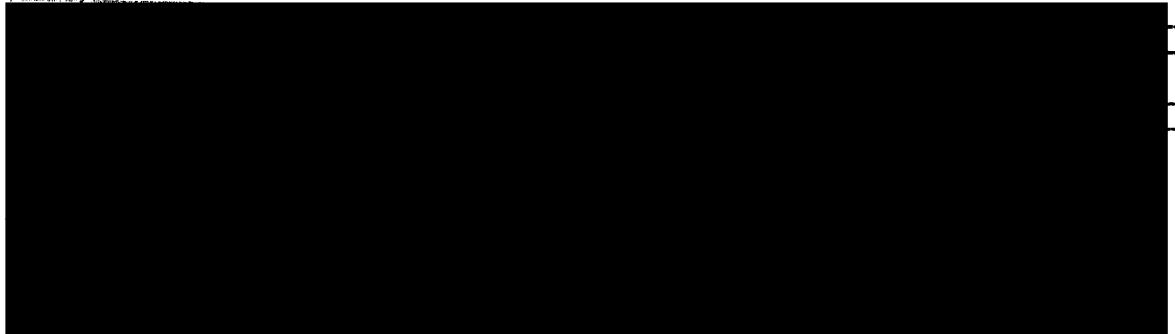
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1. The Vietnam News Service (VNS) recently appointed MAUNG NYA THAN, editor of The New Literature, and translator in Rangoon, to replace MAUNG TIN MAUNG.¹ The new translator is known to be sympathetic towards the Communist Party (Burma) (CP(B)).
2. The members of the local VNS staff have shown anxiety over the results of the elections owing to their fear that any new party coming to power might not be as tolerant of them as the AFPEL which, though it has so far withheld official recognition of them, has allowed them many official privileges. However, recent orders by the Government prohibiting the publication locally of a Vietnamese language bulletin and Burmese Government action to restrict illegal immigrants in the Hongtung area are regarded by the members of the VNS as indicating a stiffening of the Government's heretofore unrestrictive attitude towards the VNS.
3. In order to prevent leakage of information as far as possible from within the VNS in Rangoon a general tightening up of security measures by officials of the Service has been noticed. One of the first precautionary steps taken to increase security has been the changing of the Post Office through which their mail is sent and the appointment of a Vietnamese staff employee to accompany the Burmese peon when the latter visits the Post Office to deliver and collect mail.

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